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"(*d*) The Khadi Scheme is not being worked as a commercial proposition, but at the same time all items of expenditure except subsidy are expected to be covered by receipts. The amount of subsidy granted is Rs. 34,586 from the inception of the scheme up to the end of March 1953."

Kerala Soap Factory, Kozhikode.

* 954 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) what was the total production in the Kerala Soap Factory, Kozhikode, in the last three years and what is the present stock held by the Government;

(*b*) what was the total requirement of the Government in soap for the corresponding three years to meet the demands of their own departments;

(*c*) whether the Government demands for soaps were met out of production from the Kerala Soap Factory or by calling private tenders; and

(*d*) whether this Government in the last three years made any request to the Central Government to have their stores purchased from out of the product of Kerala Soap Factory?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO:—"(*a*) The annual production of soap in the Kerala Soap Institute, Kozhikode, during the last three years is—

	TONS.
1949–50	285
1950–51	322
1951–52	314

The stock held as on 28th February 1953 was 30 tons of finished soaps.

"(*b*) & (*c*) Information regarding the total requirements of soaps of the various Departments of the Government is not available. The Government have, however, issued instructions to all Government Departments that only products manufactured in factories run by the Government should be purchased for their use.

"(*d*) Yes, Sir."

Libraries organized by the Rural Development Department in Ongole taluk.

* 955 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANASWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Rural Welfare be pleased to state—

(*a*) the names of villages where libraries are organized by the Rural Development Department in Ongole taluk;

(*b*) the number of circulating libraries;